

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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VIDYA VAHINI NETWORK
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (A) Whether the Government propose to set up Vidya Vahini Network (V.V. Network) to bring the country in the forefront of world network education;
- (b) if so, whether there is a proposal to allow foreign capital investment in the private internet sector for the purpose;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which first phase of Vidya Vahini Network is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (d) : No, Sir. As per information provided by Ministry of Information Technology, Vidya Vahini was proposed as a high-speed national network backbone in Part-III of the Report of the IT Task Force for the HRD sector. In view of the various initiatives taken by the Government in the telecom sector over the last 6-8 months, it is no longer proposed to pursue this recommendation of the Task Force.